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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC RISES 8.9 PERCENT IN SEPTEMBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 21, 1992 -- Airline passenger traffic increased 8.9 percent in September compared with the same month last year, the Air Transport Association reported today.

In domestic service, traffic rose 11.4 percent in September, while available seat miles were up 3.0 percent. The passenger load factor averaged 62.5 percent, up from 57.8 percent for September 1991. Passenger enplanements climbed 9.4 percent to 33.9 million.

In international service, traffic in September was up 3.3 percent. Available seat miles increased 8.6 percent. The load factor averaged 67.7 percent, falling from 71.2 percent for September 1991. 3.5 million passengers were enplaned in September 1992, up 0.4 percent from the same period last year.

For the first nine months of 1992, domestic traffic increased 5.0 percent, and available seat miles were up 1.9 percent. The load factor climbed to 63.7 percent. Passenger enplanements rose 4.2 percent, with 313.9 million passengers.

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International traffic for the first nine months of 1992 was up 14.9 percent. Available seat miles climbed 5.1 percent, and the load factor averaged 67.9 percent, a decrease from 68.2 percent last year. Number of passengers rose 7.7 percent to 31.6 million.

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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

SEPTEMBER 1992 - 1991

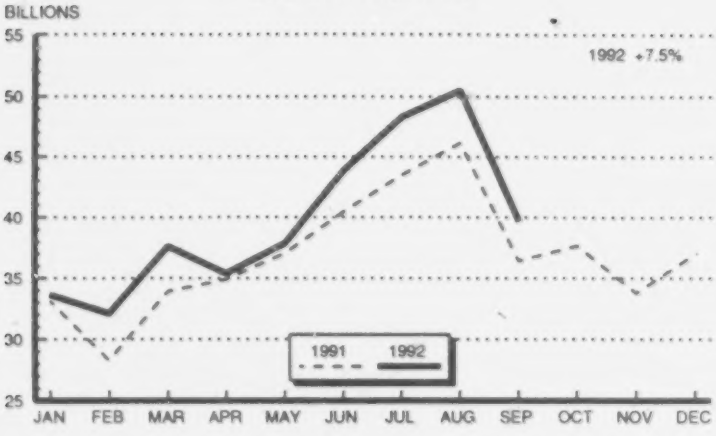
	SEPTEMBER			YEAR TO DATE		
	1992	1991	PERCENT CHANGE	1992	1991	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	33,961	31,039	9.4	313,919	301,194	4.2
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	28,393,880	25,495,724	11.4	261,004,265	248,541,392	5.0
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	45,423,331	44,111,885	3.0	409,662,261	402,209,375	1.9
LOAD FACTOR (%)	62.5	57.8		63.7	61.8	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	3,517	3,503	.4	31,580	29,333	7.7
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	11,320,445	10,963,750	3.3	97,847,198	85,159,166	14.9
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	16,719,900	15,402,563	8.6	144,054,838	124,881,723	15.4
LOAD FACTOR (%)	67.7	71.2		67.9	68.2	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	37,478	34,542	8.5	345,499	330,527	4.5
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	39,714,325	36,459,474	8.9	358,851,463	333,700,558	7.5
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	62,143,231	59,514,448	4.4	553,717,099	527,091,098	5.1
LOAD FACTOR (%)	63.9	61.3		64.8	63.3	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICA WEST, AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AMERICAN, SOUTHWEST, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, HAWAIIAN, AND MIDWAY.

Note: Hawaiian numbers are estimated.

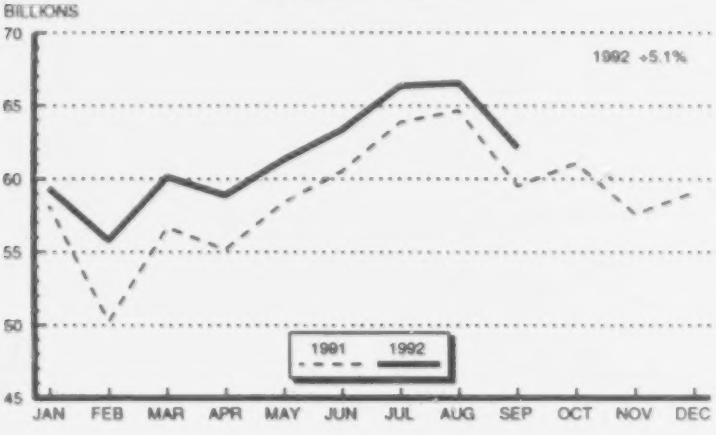
PASSENGER TRAFFIC

REVENUE PASSENGER MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



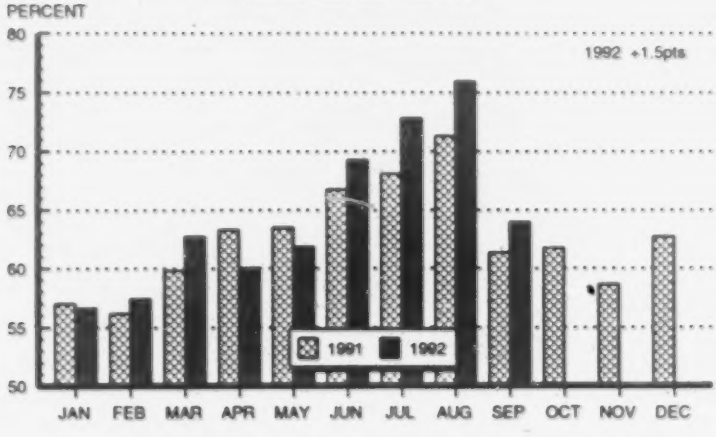
CAPACITY

AVAILABLE SEAT MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



LOAD FACTOR

PERCENT OF CAPACITY UTILIZED
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

MONTH	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE	LOAD FACTOR	PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE
1991							
January	33,122,285	(1.8)	58,138,799	(1.1)	57.0	33,239	(2.4)
February	28,250,887	(10.4)	50,232,971	(5.7)	56.2	30,741	(7.4)
March	33,909,607	(11.2)	56,681,410	(5.8)	59.8	35,850	(10.6)
April	34,890,837	(4.4)	55,153,385	(6.4)	63.3	36,241	(4.4)
May	37,079,539	(0.3)	58,389,884	(4.3)	63.5	37,182	(1.9)
June	40,437,642	(2.2)	60,522,153	(1.5)	66.8	38,880	(3.7)
July	43,455,477	(1.0)	63,832,078	(1.3)	68.1	41,022	(1.5)
August	46,094,810	(1.1)	64,625,970	(1.1)	71.3	42,830	(3.5)
September	36,459,474	(0.1)	59,514,448	(2.0)	61.3	34,542	(2.4)
October	37,683,000	0.6	61,048,393	(1.8)	61.7	37,159	(2.1)
November	33,762,251	(1.9)	57,597,691	(1.4)	58.6	33,870	(5.3)
December	37,053,311	3.6	59,116,724	(1.4)	62.7	36,671	2.5
TOTAL 1991	442,199,120	(2.4)	704,853,906	(2.8)	62.7	438,227	(3.6)
Jan – Sep	333,700,558	(3.4)	527,091,098	(3.2)	63.3	330,527	(4.2)
1992							
January	33,602,044	1.4	59,322,495	2.0	56.6	32,227	(3.0)
February	32,061,922	13.5	55,818,133	11.1	57.4	31,617	2.8
March	37,639,990	11.0	60,077,821	6.0	62.7	37,042	3.3
April	35,347,243	1.3	58,872,689	6.7	60.0	34,734	(4.2)
May	37,839,209	2.0	61,268,289	4.9	61.8	37,050	(0.4)
June	43,839,145	8.4	63,293,856	4.6	69.3	42,415	9.1
July	48,289,628	11.1	66,370,221	4.0	72.8	45,773	11.6
August	50,517,957	9.6	66,550,364	3.0	75.9	47,157	10.1
September	39,714,325	8.9	62,143,231	4.4	63.9	37,478	8.5
TOTAL 1992	358,851,463	7.5	553,717,099	5.1	64.8	345,493	4.5